



July 2025

WORSHIP ROLES

1. USHERING:

Sunday, July 5 at 9:40 a.m.: Taylor Alderman & James Marsaa & family

Sunday, July 12 at 9:40 a.m.: LuAnn Meehan & Michelle Pfeiffer

Sunday, July 19 at 9:40 a.m.: Scott & Nan Taverna

Sunday, July 26 at 9:40 a.m.: Rick & Leona Eversvik

2. GREETERS:

Sunday, July 5 at 9:15 a.m.: Terah Weisenburger and Sharon Whitmer

Sunday, July 12 at 9:15 a.m.: Robert & Carmen Ludwig

Sunday, July 19 at 9:15 a.m.: Kate Langley & family

Sunday, July 26 at 9:15 a.m.: Jon & Cherry Heinz

3. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, July 5 at 9:15 a.m.: Greg & Janine Anderson

Sunday, July 12 at 9:15 a.m.: Patti Gerhtz and Melanie Quinton & family

Sunday, July 19 at 9:15 a.m.: Jake & Whitney Burkhardtsmeier & family

Sunday, July 26 at 9:15 a.m.: Evan & Brianna Guler & family

MEALS AND FUNERALS

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Whitney Burkhardtsmeier, Dusti Nystrom, and Melony Allmaras

Preplanned Congregation Meals N/A

Funerals (as scheduled)

FUND: FL Men's (Bible camp & Bibles Fund)

THINGS TO NOTE

Families are always welcome to help. Congregation members love seeing the children helping right alongside the adults.

Households not assigned to a monthly task will be called on to help with funerals and congregational meals as needed:

Providing food

Setting up, serving, or cleaning up

Donating \$10-\$20 to help cover costs



Summer Mode

Pastor Amy's Ponderings

Greetings family. I hope this newsletter finds you in "summer mode", and that you've found some time to relax in the summer sun with family and friends.

I began my summer by attending the EaND Synod Assembly in Fargo, along with our church's delegates, President Bruce Hirschert and VP Colleen Semmens. There were approximately 325 people in attendance from 180 congregations. We gathered for worship, Bible study, workshops, and the annual business of the Church (reports, budgets, resolutions, etc.) Our main order of business was to elect a bishop to a 6-year term, as Rev Tessa Moon-Leiseth's first term was up. She was on this year's ballot, along four other pastors. After 5 ballots that spanned all 3 days, Bishop Tessa was re-elected. Another resolution that gets voted on every year is salary and benefit guidelines for pastors. We use these guidelines in determining Pastor Amy's yearly salary and benefits.



Coming up in just a week or so, I'll be hopping on a bus for a week long road trip with our Luther League youth! From July 6-14, we will travel with several churches from across the EaND Synod under the leadership of our Campus Ministries at NDSU and UND. The campus pastors and their college students

will provide adventure, Bible study, mission service, and worship as we travel from Concordia College in Moorhead all the way to North Carolina and back. Katie Jorgensen and I are going along as adult companions.

Our destination in North Carolina is a ministry of the ELCA called "The Dwelling". This church serves the Winston Salem area with free community meals, a shower trailer for unhoused persons, and by providing weekly worship where all are truly welcomed. The dwelling is led by Pastor Emily Harkins, who was one of the main speakers at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Pastor Emily states, "In a world that constantly tells people who are living on the margins that they don't belong, The Dwelling is a church that tells them that the world has it all wrong." We look forward to serving with and learning from Pastor Emily at The Dwelling.



Summer mode is indeed the best! I pray your summer is filled with adventure and faith too!



Beginning on Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 pm, I (Pastor Amy) will be hosting a 13-session weekly grief support group called GriefShare. No matter the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficulty of the grief journey. At this support group, you'll discover what to expect and what's "normal" in grief, and you'll learn helpful ways of coping.

At each session, we will begin by watching a video featuring respected grief care professionals and personal accounts. We will then enter into a time of sharing. This support group is open to members of our church and others by your invitation.

If you are struggling with loss or know someone who is, these sessions will help you heal and move into your future with hope. Each participant will receive a workbook filled with valuable exercises.

Cost is \$30 and pre-registration is required by July 15.



RED WILLOW MINISTRIES

Light the Fire, Celebrating 100 Years

Have you heard the news?! Red Willow Bible Camp is 100 years old! In fact, Red Willow is the oldest continually running Bible camp in America! How cool is that?!

August 7-9 is the big celebration! Friday night and Sat morning is an all staff reunion. Then on Sat at 1pm, the public event begins. Enjoy an ice cream social followed by an afternoon of camp activities like boating, swimming, games, and arts and crafts. Then join us for a catered banquet and program in the chapel. Tickets for Saturday's public event are \$50/person. Pre-registration is required. Please plan to join us for this wonderful event.



Vacation Bible School

ON SALE NOW!



Do you love it when the contemporary worship band leads our Sunday service? Do you find yourself singing those songs throughout the week or searching for them on Spotify?

If yes, then Thrivefest is for you!

Thrivefest is a two-day outdoor Christian music festival held in Jamestown ND, July 31- August 1. Bring your lawn

chair, your family, and your church friends. Worship with some of the best-known Christian artists and bands of our time. Also enjoy kids' blowup games and feed your body from the many food truck vendors.

A group of FLC women went last year, and it was a total blast. We hope a bunch of you will join us this summer!





If you find your birthday is not listed, or is incorrect, let us know!

1st Vivian Pfeiffer 2nd Kolton O'Connor Brooke Perleberg 3rd Patti Gehrtz 5th Bob Hoffman 6th Karla Berglund 7th Amy Kippen Lily Langley 8th Evan Ulrich 10th Brady Richter Ava Schumacker 11th Becky Kjos Janelle Koepplin Karson Sorensen 13th Bennett Meier 15th Quinn Larson Michelle Pfeiffer	16th Tatyn Heskin 17th Paisley Marsaa 18th Kali Clelland 19th Lukas Rossow 20th Charlie Jorgensen 21st Dave Skogen 22nd Dennis Rimmereid 24th Candace Jensen 25th David Holzwarth 26th Morgan Lies Tammy Longnecker Carmen Ludwig Sharon Weisenburger 28th Hannah Dockter Reed Weisenburger 29th Rowan Collier David Gehrtz 30th LaShane Wobbema	
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Reminder that we are no longer mailing our bi-annual giving statements. Your mid-year statement will be in your church mailbox by July 15th. If you need your statement mailed to you please contact Katie in the church office. Statements will be removed from mailboxes and shredded on August 15th.

By the Numbers



ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
June 3 - 12	\$ 110.00
June 7 - 52	\$ 2,042.00
June 10 - 9	\$ 60.00
June 14 - 76	\$ 3,739.00
June 17 - 6	\$ 90.00
June 21 - 38	\$ 978.00
Vanco Online MTD	\$ 599.51

Weekly Offering Needed to Meet Budget \$3,640.00

YEAR-TO-DATE
(as of May 31st)

BUDGET: \$ 78,865.42

EXPENSES: \$ 77,745.97

OFFERING: \$ 82,522.37

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Property Fund: \$8,862.94

Banner/Altar Fund: \$396.64

Worship & Music Fund: \$4,146.30

Budget Reserve: \$18,124.86

Thrivent Choice: \$1,241.00

Noisy Offering: \$687.00

FLC Men's Group: \$1,222.16

Capital Campaign Fund: 124,586.44
(Includes Carpet Fund: \$11,801.09 & Hopes & Dreams: \$1,224.35)



Group 6

Taylor Alderman & James Marsaa family
David & Melony Allmaras
Greg & Janine Anderson
Jake & Whit Burkhardtsmeier family
Richard Carlson
Rick & Leona Eversvik
Amanda Fandrich
David & Patti Gehrtz
Evan & Brianna Guler family
Jon & Cherry Heinz
Karen Hovey
Jon & Carissa Johnson family
Austin & Kate Langley family
Robert & Carmen Ludwig
LuAnn Meehan
Glenn & Dusti Nystrom family
Abigail Nystrom
Michelle Pfeiffer
Melanie Quinton family
Jordan & Laura Reis family
Scott & Nan Taverna
Terah Weisenburger family
Sharon Whitmer
Deb Wobbema family
LaShane Wobbema family



July 2026

Glenda Collier & Amy Wobbema

Thank you for your commitment to this important ministry of our church!

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2026

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Bruce Hirschert. Present Council: Bruce Hirschert, Pastor Amy Kippen, Jon Johnson, Christina Anderson, Colleen Semmens, and Office Admin Katie Jorgensen. Absent: None. Present Board Chairs: Lay Ministry/Evangelism - Michelle Pfeiffer, Education-Katie Jorgensen

Approval of Agenda: Motion & 2nd to approve. All in favor, motion carries.

Reports:

Pastor: Pastor Amy reported taking four vacation days, two nursing home worship services, marriage preparation with two couples, two baptisms, pastoral counsel sessions, and a busy month of church activities. Church activities included Faith Stepping Stone 5 class, Faith Stepping Stone 2 blessing, fifth grade Sunday School graduation, Women's Night Out, Smash Bash, eighth and ninth grade final retreat on two separate nights, and the first Stewardship Committee meeting. Pastor Amy also reported continued Synod and community work.

Board of Education: Board of Education recapped that programming this year went well. Year-end input for LAUNCH is still being gathered, and more input will be gathered from LiFT! guides and parents. Luther League year went well, and Chase and Lauren Pederson enjoyed leading it. The child protection policy will be reviewed.

Property / Stewardship: Bruce gave oral report from Corey, board co-chair. Landscaping at the parsonage is a high priority. Estimates will be acquired. Corey worked on outlets in the balcony, Curt and Corey completed a walk-through at the parsonage, and Curt replace door locks at the parsonage.

Lay Ministry / Evangelism: Michelle reported that Senior Recognition Sunday went well. Confirmation Sunday details were discussed. Plans are underway for the Fall Festival on September 13. The festival will include Backpack Sunday, a potluck, and family activities.

Secretary: Motion by Jon to accept. 2nd- Colleen. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer: Jon reported April offerings were \$20,288.01. April outflow-\$15,669.39. He noted that this was the second month in a row with offerings over \$20,000, year-to-date offerings were over \$70,000, expenses were slightly over



Thanks to all the sponsors of our radio broadcasts!

July 5: IMO Johnathan Berglund by Karla Berglund and family

July 12: IMO Ray & Olene Lommen by Richard & Vicky Ryan & family and Dennis & Debra Lommen & family

July 19: IMO Lynette Clelland, by Jake Clelland & family

July 26: IMO Arland Clelland by Bruce & Jodi Hirschert family, Holly Christopherson, Colleen Semmens, and Dakota Clelland

2ND ANNUAL FLC WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2026



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN
SPACE IS LIMITED**

Metigoshe
Ministries
Botno, ND



Altar/Banner Fund

IMO Anne Erickson by Larry Danduran & Glenda Collier

Memorials & Honorariums

IMO Monte Williams by Larry Danduran & Glenda Collier

IMO Leona Black by Larry Danduran & Glenda Collier

SUNDAY

**Sound, Lay Readers,
& Communion Servers**



July 5: Kevin Cartwright, sound; Marydean Weinmann, reader; Curt Weinmann, communion server

July 12: Kenny Thompson, sound; Allmaras family, reader

July 19: Gail Weisenburger, sound; Jon Johnson, reader

July 26: Cherry Heinz, sound; Marydean Weinmann, reader; Bruce Hirschert, communion server

budget by approximately \$1,200. Katie reviewed Hunger Free Food Pantry financials. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carries.

Office Admin: Katie presented correspondence from the Women's Auxiliary Cemetery Association and the annual Sheriff's Office Fishing Derby, along with the cards of care.

Old Business:

Electronic Newsletter: Motion by Pastor Amy to table the electronic newsletter discussion until August.

Holy Experiment Decisions: Active Voting Membership Defined: Discussion included the required ELCA provision regarding how someone is removed from the active voting membership roll, and our current bylaw which defines inactivity. Council expressed the desire to include volunteering in the definition of "contribution of record". Specifically discussed situations were young adult children of the congregation, baptized children of non-member parents, transfer requests for archived persons, and a 90-day good-standing requirement for voting at congregation meetings. Motion by Christina to craft proposed bylaw language for approval by council at the next meeting. Seconded by Bruce. All in favor, motion carries. Once approved by council, the proposed changes will go to the 2027 annual meeting for ratification. Katie and Amy will create a draft of the letter that will be sent to inactive members 60 days in advance of removal for approval at the next council meeting.

New Business:

Extra Benevolence: Christina made a motion to give \$300 to the Cemetery Association. Jon seconded. After discussion, the motion was amended to give \$200 to the Cemetery Association and \$100 to Pastor Amy for travel expense to her sister's funeral. Jon amended his second. All in favor, motion carries.

Synod Assembly Offering: Discussed the offering for the Holy Innovations Endowment Fund. Motion by Jon to give \$500 from Budget Reserve for the Synod Assembly offering for the Holy Innovations Endowment. Seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Helping Hands Program: What is working well- ushers, greeters, coffee fellowship, the shared meeting structure, new people serving as co-chairs, and the new funeral binder. Areas needing improvement included training for Helping Hands meetings leaders and future group reviews. Helping Hands mailings and meeting forms will be updated for clarity and Pastor Amy will ensure training of meeting leaders.

Stewardship Committee Meeting Recap: Pastor Amy reported that the committee (Shelly Ehni, Linda Lies, Nan Taverna, and Becky Kjos) met. They discussed the history of stewardship at FLC including- role of the pastor and boards, giving statements and letters, tithing, bulletin/newsletter communication, yearly campaigns, commitment cards, time and talent sheets, current bylaws, Helping Hands, stewardship goals, and the experience of talking about money in the church. No decisions were made.

Submitted by: Christina Anderson, Secretary

June 10, 2026

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Bruce Hirschert. Present Council: Bruce Hirschert, Pastor Amy Kippen, Christina Anderson, Colleen Semmens, and Office Admin Katie Jorgensen. Absent: Jon Johnson. Board Chairs: Education- Katie Jorgensen, Property/Stewardship- Curt Weinmann, Lay Ministry & Evangelism: Michelle Pfeiffer

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Colleen to approve. Second Pastor Amy. All in favor, motion carries.

Reports:

Pastor: Pastor Amy reported nursing home worship services, two pre-marriage sessions, one wedding in Granfield, two pastoral care visits, three pastoral counsel sessions, Luther League hosted at her home, confirmation day, and the first two weeks of the summer worship series. She also reported meeting with the women's ministry regarding the fall retreat, meeting with confirmation guides to review and improve confirmation, singing at LHGS, participating in area community bands, attending EaND Synod Assembly, continuing as a mentor for synod lay ministers, continuing work with Red Willow, and attending the Moses Project continuing education in Des Moines, Iowa in August.

Board of Education: The Board of Education presented suggested changes to the child protection policy including defining "youth" as beginning at age 11 versus 12, adding language for preteen and teen workers, changing grade level language from grade 7 to 6 where needed, and adding that classroom doors may be locked only when an emergency situation mandates it for safety. Motion by Bruce to adopt the policy as amended. Second by Christina. All in favor, motion carries. Board of Ed also reported that VBS will be July 22-24 and that Noisy Offering recipients beginning in January 2027 will be Red Willow Ministries, LAUNCH & VBS, Bible Camp Scholarships, and Share the Joy.

Property/Stewardship: Two estimates are still being sought for the parsonage landscaping and edging work. Pastor Amy also reported that another possible landscaping option was discussed after Curt visited with a crew working nearby. The item remains on hold until the edging plan is determined.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism: Confirmation Sunday fellowship meal was recapped. The board will ask members to share their garden flowers during worship on Sundays. Summer pulpit supply is secured. The Fall Family Festival will be September 13 and will include a potluck, crafts, yard games, and a possible photo booth.

Secretary: No action taken

Treasurer: Revenue for May was \$12,185.70 and expenses were \$13,448.94. Offerings are ahead of budget, and expenses remain under budget year to date. Motion by Christina to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Bruce. All in favor, motion carries.

Office Admin: Katie presented correspondence and cards of care.

Old Business:

Holy Experiment Decisions:

Membership: Council reviewed the draft letter for members who do not meet the active voting membership requirements. Wording changes were made to make the letter both clear and pastoral. Motion by Christina to approve the letter as presented with changes. Seconded by Colleen. All in favor, motion carries. Council reviewed the proposed language for the "inactivity defined" bylaw to be presented to the 2027 Annual Meeting. Council clarified that our current constitution requires the church council to annually review the active voting membership roll.

Nominating Committee: Council discussed the optimal structure of the Nominating Committee, concluding that the committee should include one person from each administrative board and one person from the Congregation Council. Bylaw language will be crafted to present to the 2027 annual meeting.

Council to Boards Communication: Decision was made to rely primarily on board co-chairs to communicate council items to their board members. □ Administrative Boards Governing System: A special meeting was scheduled for July 29 to discuss and make decisions about proposed changes to our church's governing system. Input from Board members will be sought in all decisions.

New Business:

Extra Benevolence: A motion was made by Christina to give \$100 to Red Will Ministries. Seconded by Pastor Amy. All in favor, motion carries. Council discussed the Red Willow summer staff support appeal letter and need for additional support. Motion by Pastor Amy to give \$1,500 from Budget Reserve to Red Willow. Second by Colleen. All in favor, motion carries.

Synod Assembly Recap: Pastor Amy reported that she, Bruce Hirschert, and Colleen Semmens represented FLC at the recent EaND Synod Assembly in Fargo. Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth was elected to a second 6-year term, and the assembly approved the 2027 Benefit & Salary Guidelines for ministers.

Hunger Free Food Pantry: There was a motion by Christina to remove Patti Gehrtz from the checking, market share, and savings accounts and add Jon Johnson as signer for all three. Second, by P. Amy. Motion carries.

Summer Council Meetings: A special meeting will be held July 29 @ the parsonage. The August meeting will be held August 5 to accommodate Pastor Amy's continuing ed conference on the 12th .

Submitted by: Christina Anderson, Secretary